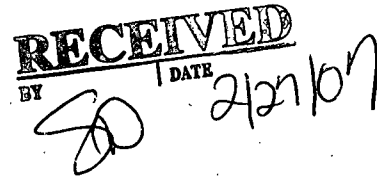




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Ms. Cindy Padilla, Director  
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Dear Ms. Padilla:

**Re: Hurley Soil Investigation Unit Feasibility Study-Chino AOC**

Submitted under separate cover is the Hurley Soil Draft Feasibility Study (FS) under the Chino Administrative Order on Consent (AOC). As provided in Section 2.7 of Appendix A to the AOC, Chino Mines Company (Chino) proposed a timeline to complete the Feasibility Study in a letter to the New Mexico Environment Department dated February 4, 2005. The Feasibility Study development is tied to the on-going Hurley Soils IU Interim Remedial Action (IRA).

Please contact me at (505) 537-8133 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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